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Sir:  
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	METHOD OF SWITCHING BETWEEN NETWORK INTERFACES AND COMPUTER CONNECTABLE TO A NETWORK	

Enclosed are:

- 10 sheets of  formal  informal drawings.
- Transmittal of certified copy of Japanese application P2000-247904 to claim priority date of August 9, 2000.
- An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- Applicant requests non-publication.
- Applicant is a small entity.
- An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449.
- An Executed Declaration

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